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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1127

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter (Principal coauthor: Senator Negrete McLeod)

February 23, 2007

An act to add Section 116365.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1127, as amended, Carter. Public health: percholorate perchlorate: drinking water standards: City of Realto Rialto: perchlorate.

Existing law, the Calderon-Sher Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, requires the State Department of Health Services Public Health to adopt regulations covering water testing, the monitoring of contaminants, the frequency and method of sampling and testing, the reporting of results, and other matters as may be necessary to determine and ensure the quality of domestic water supplies.

Effective July 1, 2007, responsibility for the administration of the above-described provisions will be transferred to the State Department of Public Health.

The bill would authorize the department to contract with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for the purposes of assessing and treating drinking water for perchlorate contamination in and around the City of Rialto, including the identification of perchlorate contamination in drinking water sources, the assessment and identification of inorganic and organic perchlorate in those sources, and the treatment of drinking

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water to meet primary drinking water standards for the protection of public health.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 116365.6 is added to the Health and 2 Safety Code, to read:

116365.6. The department may contract with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for the purposes of assessing and treating drinking water for perchlorate contamination in and around the City of Rialto, including the identification of perchlorate contamination in drinking water sources, the assessment and identification of inorganic and organic perchlorate in those sources, and the treatment of drinking water to meet primary drinking water standards for the protection of public health.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the drinking water of the City of Rialto and the surrounding communities has been seriously impaired by perchlorate contamination in groundwater aquifers, and that state funds may be advanced for the purposes of providing the citizens of that area with pure and potable water consistent with the requirements of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 116270) of Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code. It is therefore declared that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the Constitution, and that the enactment of this act as a special law is necessary.